

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

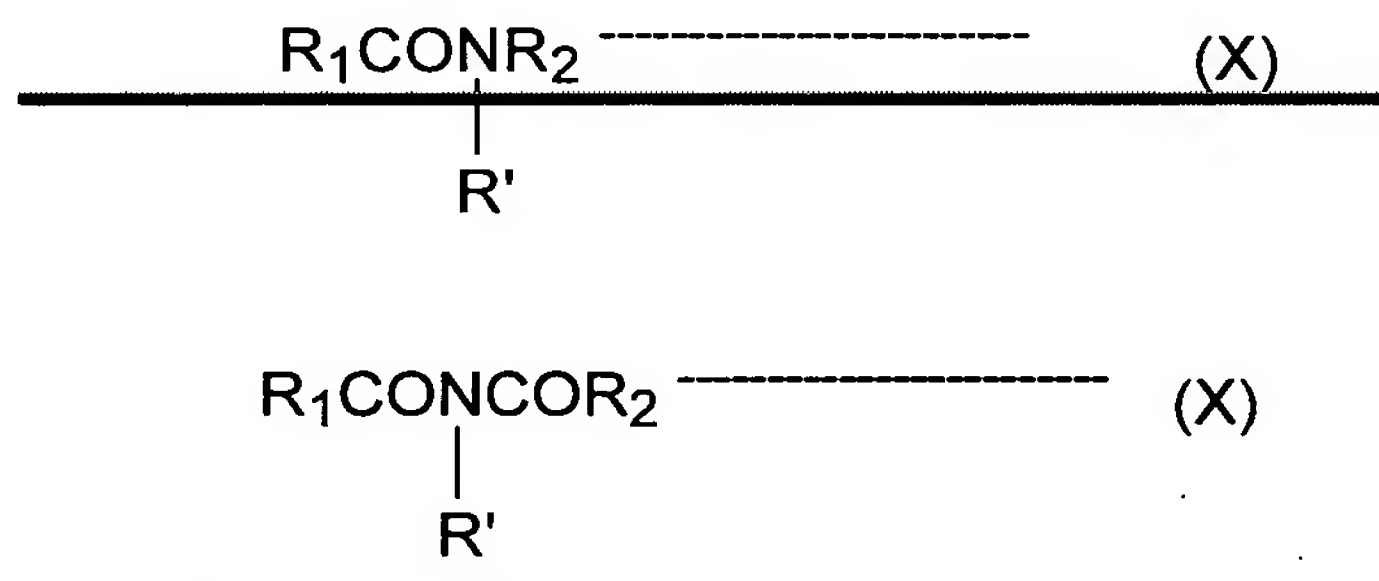
*Please set forth the title of the application to read as follows consistent with the title provided on the application and the executed application documents:*

--HAIR GROWTH PROMOTOR COMPOSITION--.

*Please amend the paragraph at page 11, line 1, as follows:*

In Formula (IX), R represents a linear or branched aliphatic hydrocarbon group having a chain length of an even number of carbon atoms. R' and R'' represent hydrogen, an alkyl group or a hydroxyalkyl group.

(g) Secondary amide represented by the following Formula (X):



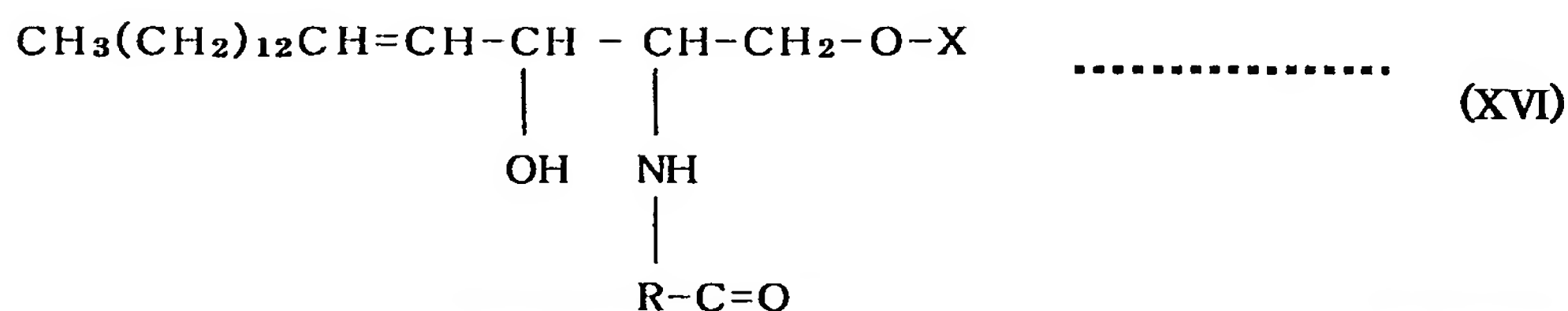
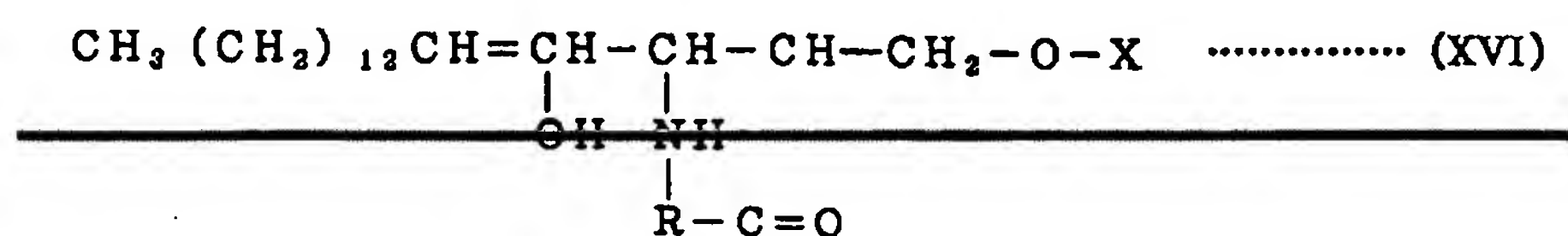
*Please amend the paragraph at page 11, line 16, as follows:*

In Formula (XI), R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are ~~a linear or branched~~ an aliphatic hydrocarbon group ~~having a chain length of an even number of carbon atoms~~, and at least one of them represents a linear or branched aliphatic hydrocarbon group having a chain length of an even number of a carbon atoms.

*Please amend the paragraph at page 13, line 8, as follows:*

In Formula (XV), R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, and either one of them represents a linear or branched aliphatic hydrocarbon group having a chain length of an even number of carbon atoms.

(m) Sphingolipid represented by the following Formula (XVI):



*Please amend the paragraph at page 25, line 7, as follows:*

The celluloses include hydroxymethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose and hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose; the surfactants include polyoxyethylene-hardened castor oil, polyoxyethylene-hardened castor oil ~~mono- or isostearate~~ monostearate and glycerin fatty acid esters; the oils & fats include polyhydric alcohol fatty acid esters (glycerin tri-2-ethylhexanoate, trimethylpropane triisostearate, and the like), safflower oil, evening primrose oil and jojoba oil; the ester oils include unsaturated fatty acid alkyl esters (ethyl oleate, isopropyl linoleate and the like), methyl myristate and isopropyl myristate; the amino acids include methionine, serine, glycine and cystine; the keratolytic drugs include salicylic acid and resorcin; the high molecular

resins include amphoteric, cationic, anionic and nonionic polymers; and the UV absorbers include octyl methoxycinnamate (Neoheliopan AV), oxybenzone and urocanic acid.

*Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:*